Intended Use: See notice at 63 FR 58368, October 30, 1998. *Order Date:* August 13, 1998.

Docket Number: 98–055. *Applicant:* Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY 10029. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope and Accessories, Model H–7500. *Manufacturer:* Hitachi Scientific Instruments, Japan. *Intended Use:* See notice at 63 FR 63292, November 12, 1998. *Order Date:* June 30, 1998.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as these instruments are intended to be used, was being manufactured in the United States at the time the instruments were ordered. *Reasons:* Each foreign instrument is a conventional transmission electron microscope (CTEM) and is intended for research or scientific educational uses requiring a CTEM. We know of no CTEM, or any other instrument suited to these purposes, which was being manufactured in the United States either at the time of order of each instrument or at the time of receipt of application by the U.S. Customs Service.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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University of Minnesota, et al.; Notice of Consolidated Decision on Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

This is a decision consolidated pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89–651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instruments described below, for such purposes as each is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

Docket Number: 98–046. *Applicant:* University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455. *Instrument:* (2) Bioelectric Impedance Tomographs, Models APT/EIT and Mk3a EIT/APT. *Manufacturer:* University of Sheffield, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 63 FR 50556, September 22, 1998. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides real time dynamic imaging of cardiac blood volume changes and characterization of tissues such as the lung using 16-channel recording for bioelectric impedance tomography. *Advice received from:* National Institutes of Health, December 10, 1998.

Docket Number: 98–049. *Applicant:* North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27695–7212. *Instrument:* Oxylite Oxygen Monitor, Model 2000. *Manufacturer:* Oxford Optonix Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 63 FR 58368, October 30, 1998. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides an optical technique that incorporates a non-metallic fiber optic probe that may remain in-situ during magnetic resonance imaging. *Advice received from:* National Institutes of Health, December 10, 1998.

Docket Number: 98–056. *Applicant:* University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI 53706. *Instrument:* Piezo Manipulator, Model PPM–150FU. *Manufacturer:* Prime Tech Ltd., Japan. *Intended Use:* See notice at 63 FR 63292, November 12, 1998. Reasons: The foreign instrument provides a rapid and controllable deformation piezo electric element to drill carefully through the zona pellucida and enter a cell with minimal damage or deformation during transgenic cloning procedures. *Advice received from:* National Institutes of Health, December 11, 1998.

The National Institutes of Health advises in its memoranda that (1) the capabilities of each of the foreign instruments described above are pertinent to each applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value for the intended use of each instrument.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus being manufactured in the United States which is of equivalent scientific value to any of the foreign instruments.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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University of Hawaii, et al.; Notice of Consolidated Decision on Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

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Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instruments described below, for such purposes as each is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

Docket Number: 98–058. *Applicant:* University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI 96822. *Instrument:* Directional Wave Buoy. *Manufacturer:* Datawell bv, The Netherlands. *Intended Use:* See notice at 63 FR 65174, November 25, 1998. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides (1) capability for long-term deployment over deep water in the open ocean for measuring directional waves, (2) real time data access through telemetry to onshore locations and (3) compatibility with similar research projects in this area. *Advice received from:* Two domestic manufacturers of similar equipment, July 2, 1998.

Docket Number: 98–060. *Applicant:* Iowa State University of Science & Technology, Ames, IA 50011–3616. *Instrument:* Variable Temperature Scanning Tunneling Microscope. *Manufacturer:* Omicron Vakuum Physik, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 63 FR 69264, December 16, 1998. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides (1) precise control of the temperature of the sample and the STM scanner over a range of 25° K to 750° K, (2) deposition of metal within the microscope and (3) continuous imaging of the sample during deposition. *Advice received from:* A domestic manufacturer of similar equipment, August 25, 1998.

Domestic manufacturers of similar equipment advise that (1) the capabilities of each of the foreign instruments described above are pertinent to each applicant's intended purpose and (2) they know of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value for the intended use of each instrument (comparable cases).